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## NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

### THE AFRICAN TROUBLE.

#### INVESTIGATION DEMANDED.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Received Nov. 23. It is strongly felt in London that the charges of brutality towards the Indians—denied in South Africa, but reiterated in India—are doing infinite harm, and ought to be thoroughly investigated and settled. It is pointed out that no names are mentioned, except in the one case of the alleged flogging to death, which was disproved.

It is understood that public opinion in South Africa is painfully mindful of the effects of the strike on the Rand, and will not consent to any concessions until law and order has been vindicated.

#### Press Opinion.

The Pall Mall Gazette deplores the stories of inhumanity against the Natal authorities, and says that it is unfortunate that Sir Louis Botha's attention is distracted by recriminations with Mr Hertzog, at the South African Party Congress. The best symptom in the situation, the journal thinks, is the reasonable attitude of the Cape newspapers towards the Indians.

The Morning Post urges that Sir Louis Botha, despite political exigencies, should at least remove the tax on the Indians in Natal, and says that we are entitled to ask that immigrants be treated with some respect to justice and humanity.

#### The Situation.

Later. Reuter's correspondent at Durban says the strike situation has now improved, and there is a probability of a general resumption on Monday. Some sporadic outbreaks have occurred. There was a melee at Avoca, and the native police arrested the ring-leaders of the disturbances there, but Indians, armed with various weapons, attacked and overpowered the police and rescued the prisoners. The European police, however, soon arrived, and drove off the Indians and re-arrested the ringleaders.

#### Strike Apparently Ended.

Later. The strike has apparently ended in Durban. All is quiet in the country districts, where rain has reduced the danger of cane fires.

### AFRICAN POLITICS.

#### THE BOTHA-HERTZOG DISPUTE.

London. Received Nov. 23. Reuter's Cape Town correspondent states that after prolonged and acrimonious discussions, the South African Party Congress, at which Sir Louis Botha and Mr. Hertzog were present, adopted by 131 to 90 a resolution that Congress leave the Botha-Hertzog controversy and request the Government to proceed with the administration of the country. Hertzog and his supporters left the hall in silence. It is believed that they will form a separate party, to be styled the South African National Party.

Later.

The followers of Mr. Hertzog who are seceding include 50 belonging to the Free State and 40 Representatives from the Cape, Natal, and the Transvaal. These will constitute the New National Party. A Conference will be held at Bloemfontein.

### MEXICAN CRISIS.

#### SUPPORT FOR HUERTA.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Received Nov. 22.

A message from Mexico City says President Huerta's message to Congress was most terse. The Chairman replied, assuring the President of the whole-hearted co-operation of Congress, which was inspired by love of the Fatherland.

Twenty-seven Congressmen were absent, of whom 24 were Catholics. All the diploma's attended, except Mr. O'Shaughnessy, the American Charge d'affaires.

President Huerta's staff wore side-arms, thereby violating the law forbidding soldiers to appear in the House armed.

#### A Strange Fact.

London, Received Nov. 23.

Much speculation has been aroused in Mexico City over the adjournment of Congress on the ground that there was not a quorum, though it was evident that a quorum was present. None of the Congressmen protested.

#### American Opinion.

The U.S. Government believes that President Huerta's power is crumbling. President Wilson is absolutely silent in regard to his future programme, as publication would impair efficiency.

#### Still Fighting.

The Mexican War Office announces that the Federals are still holding out at Victoria. A continuous battle inside the city has lasted for 24 hours. Federal reinforcements are hastening to Victoria.

#### RAGGED" BY UNDER-GRADUATES.

London, Received Nov. 23. Members of the Oxford Union thronged to listen to Mr. Lloyd George in winding up a debate on the Government's land policy.

Undergraduates in motor-cars paraded effigies of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and threw mangold wurzels and pheasants at his car.

Prior to the debate, a member asked whether Mr. Lloyd George had any stocks to sell.

The President, amid cheers, refused to allow their guest to be intuited, and a resolution of "no confidence" was rejected by a majority of 68.

#### DOMINIONS EXHIBITION.

#### LATEST ARRANGEMENTS.

London, Received Nov. 23.

The British Dominions Exhibition for 1915 will be held at the Crystal Palace, which is now national property, and the sites will be gratis.

The Dominions and Indian Governments will retain the buildings, which were erected in 1911, which will require the smallest expense to rent. The exhibits will be permanent and are to remain for an indefinite period.

### CRUISER AGROUND.

London, Received Nov. 23.

The Italian cruiser San Giorgio grounded on leaving the Straits of Messina. Fifty feet of her bows touch land. Five warships have gone to her assistance.

London, Received Nov. 24.

The San Giorgio is not in a dangerous position. She is being lightened and there are hopes of refloating her in a few days.

#### ROYAL ILLNESS.

London, Received Nov. 23.

The Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha has been operated upon for appendicitis.

#### KING ALFONSO.

London, Received Nov. 23. King Alfonso is on a visit to Vienna.

### HOME RULE.

#### THE EMPIRE AND ULSTER.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Received Nov. 23.

Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at Birmingham, said that if Home Rulers thought the British troops were going to shoot down Ulstermen at the bidding of those who were in the House of Commons observing the British defeat in South Africa, they were mistaken.

When people said that the Empire favoured the coercion of Ulster they did not understand Empire. That was the last thing the Canadian or Australian would dream of. Natal's position in South Africa was not dissimilar to Ulster's. None dreamed of coercing Natal to join the Union, which was only effected after a plebiscite of Natal.

Sir Edward Carson followed. He said he would go straight on. He had never taken the slightest notice of suggestions of com promise. Ulster had the same privileges as the rest of the Kingdom and they would take nothing less.

#### A New Rifle Corps.

At a joint meeting of the Anti-Order of Hibernians and the Gaelic League it was decided to form a Rifle Corps to co-operate with the Citizen Army, which is recruiting in Munster, Leinster, and Connacht.

#### MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

London, Received Nov. 23.

The race for the Manchester November Handicap resulted as follows:

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sixteen ran. Won by a head, three lengths between second and third. Betting:—10 to 1 against Dalmatian; 100 to 7 against Work Girl, and 33 to 1 against The Galler. Print started favourite at 6 to 1 against.

Owing to fog, several races were abandoned.

King Midas was ridden by Ringstead and Ultimus by Herbert.

#### ARRIVAL IN EGYPT.

London, Received Nov. 22.

The bulk of the British and French Fleets have arrived, some at Alexandria and others at Port Said, where great preparations have been made for their entertainment. The French and Greek Colonies are participating.

#### ANGLO-FRENCH FLEETS.

London, Received Nov. 23.

The revenue from the Protectorates is expected to increase by 19,255,517 marks.

#### THE ROYAL VISIT.

#### GREAT AND LASTING GOOD.

London, Received Nov. 22.

The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, interviewed by a representative of Reuter's Agency, said that although his visit to Windsor was private, the opportunities of contact with British Ministers can only be productive of great and lasting good in the relations of the British and Austrian Governments.

#### A NEW CABLE.

London, Received Nov. 22.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent reports that at the Congress of Naval Architects Rear-Admiral Emsmann announced that wireless telephone messages had been successfully transmitted between Neustadt and New Jersey.

### FRENCH COAL STRIKE.

#### 70,000 MEN OUT.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, Received Nov. 23.

The strike in the French northern collieries is assuming large proportions, and about 70,000 men are now idle.

London, Received Nov. 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Donai states that at a conference of coalowners and miners at Pas de Calais Nord, the former agreed not to insist on overtime before the Eight Hours' Bill now before Parliament becomes law, nor to dismiss any strikers. The Federation of Miners, in a manifesto, urges the men to return on Monday.

#### HOME RACING.

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#### AUSTRALIAN SYMPATHY.

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Reuter's correspondent at Sydney says the lumpers have declined to unload steamers from New Zealand in sympathy with the strike there.

London, Received Nov. 24.

All Quiet.

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Reuter's Wellington correspondent says there are no further strike developments, and work is proceeding quietly. Nine hundred members of the new Union are working at Wellington. The conditions are nearly normal in Auckland.

#### CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Kwangtung Bank Note Case.

In the Supreme Court, this morning before his Honour Mr. Justice Comperetz (Puiana-Judge) Ma Yuk-fan and Ma Kwan were charged on two counts with being in unlawful possession of property stolen abroad. The property in question is 12,500 Kwangtung bank notes of a face value of \$5 or a total value of \$62,500.

The Crown was represented by the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. A. Bucknill), Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. Eldon Potter, who were instructed by Mr. J. H. Kemp (Crown Solicitor) and Mr. F. B. L. Bowley. Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brunton, appeared for the accused.

Mr. Slade moved to quash the indictment on the ground that it did not state the crime with which the accused were charged with sufficient particularity.

The Attorney General—There were three men brought before the Magistrate, and I think only two are mentioned in the indictment. With regard to the first man, Wong Chi-tsun, I decided not to proceed against him, and my friend wants me to ask your Lordship formally that his recognition should be returned and he discharged.

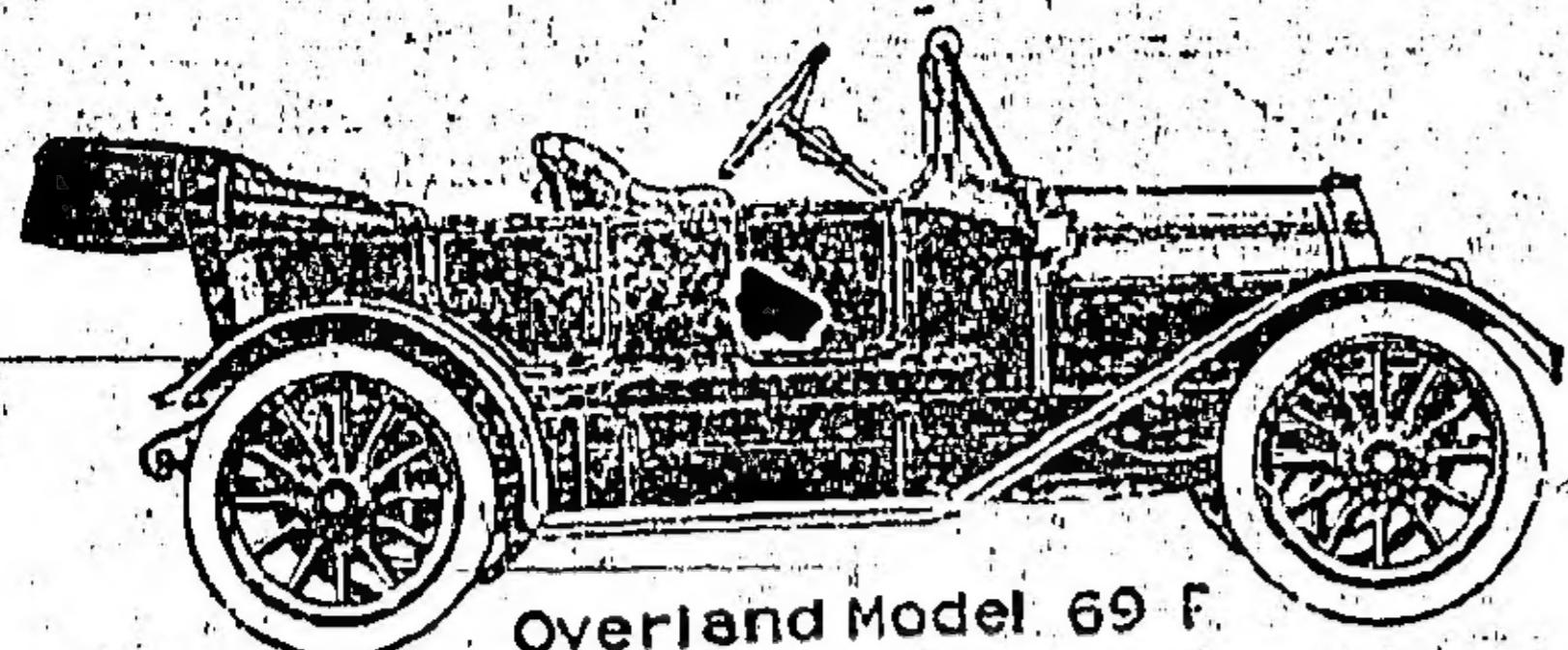
His Lordship—Certainly not.

Mr. Sharp said the form of indictment that had been followed in this case, and exactly followed, in this case, was one that had lately received the approval of the Chief Justice at home—Lord Averstone.

Mr. Slade—I have not developed my argument yet.

His Lordship—Your objection is?

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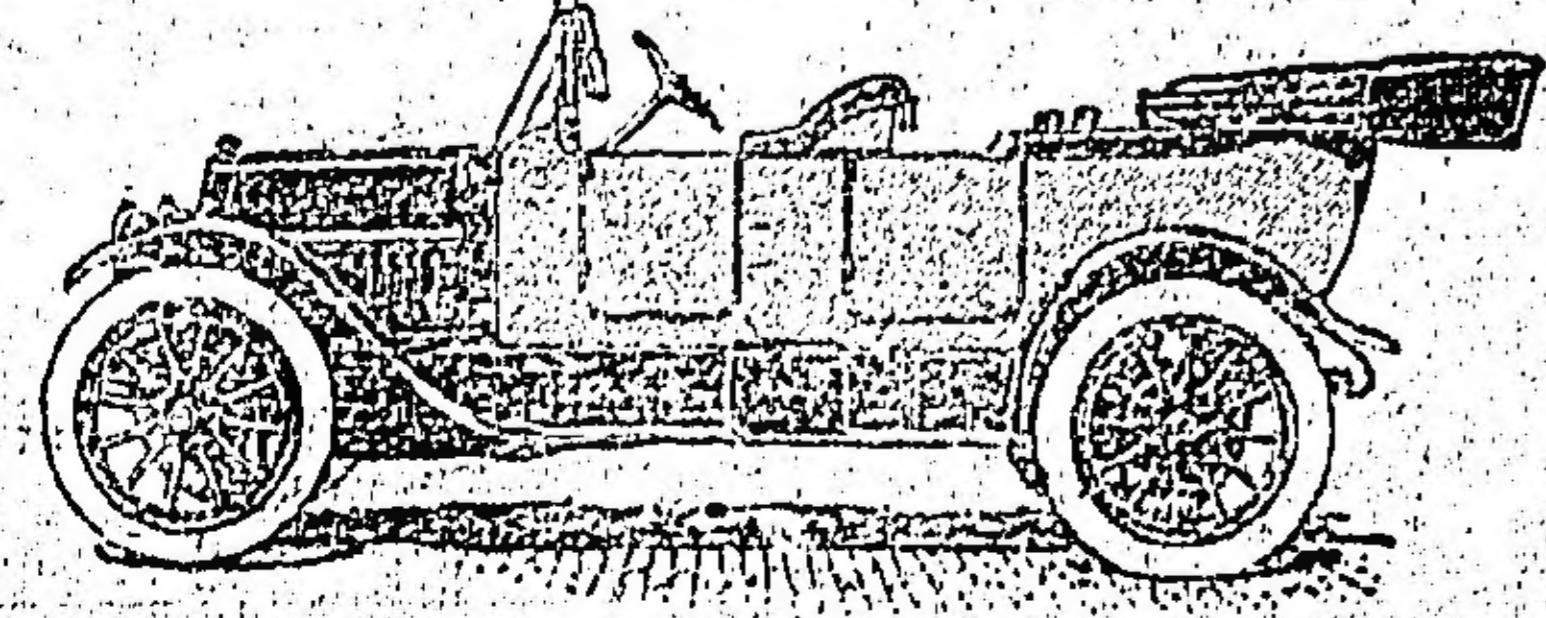
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South China Morning Post.

The Changes in the Philippines.

In order therefore to give the islanders an opportunity of showing their administrative qualifications, many good Americans have had to sacrifice their positions and interests in the Philippines. It is too early to forecast what will be the outcome of the many changes already effected and to come. For a time at least the administrative side of the Government has suffered. The efficiency of the Government has been reduced and the organisation demoralised. Time alone will show whether political ends have been gained to justify the upheaval in a service which for efficiency and honesty has created a "splendid record." Aguinaldo is at least fifty years ahead of the Philippines when he talks so gloriously of their unaided ability to protect themselves, but the changes so far carried out, drastic as they are, should prove a valuable factor in solving for the United States Government the much contested questions of Filipino capacity to undertake the responsibilities of governing themselves.

**Daily Press.****The Tibetan Question.**

The Tibet in demand at the Simla Conference for the reorganisation of the complete autonomy of the country has come as a painful shock to China, but the latter has, by her dilatory methods and blind obstinacy, worked herself into a position in which she has no alternative but to yield, as gracefully as may be, to the essentials of the demands of Tibet, and it is only in the haggling over details that she will stand any chance of saving a remnant of prestige from the rain. There is a close resemblance between the main line of the course of events in Mongolia and Tibet, and it was scarcely to be expected that the Tibetans would be content with less than the terms secured by the Urga authorities, and, in view of their complete defeat of the Chinese garrison nearly two years ago and of its consequent expulsion from the country, it would be unreasonable to expect them to admit Chinese authority. The independence of Tibet is to all intents and purposes, a fait accompli, and in seizing the opportunity of asserting it the Tibetans have only been following the regular course of their relations with China: the degree of suzerainty exercised over Tibet by China has always been the resultant of two forces—the efforts of China to assert her authority and the power of Tibet to shake it off.

**China Mail.**

Philippine Freedom Dawn! Wise or foolish, says the Literary Digest (New York) as one or another may judge it, new or old as they may call it, the writers of the press at least agree on the main fact that the Wilson Administration has now taken a definite step toward Filipino freedom



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## BIRTH.

JACKS—At Government Bungalows, Mt. Kellet, The Peak, on November 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Jucks, a son.

## CANAL POSSIBILITIES.

Within the past few years many suggestions have been advanced for the bringing into more constant use the network of canals which spreads over England. Many of those great waterways have been allowed to fall into utter decay, and it is somewhat pathetic to see these now deserted and stagnant ditches with old hulls of barges, many of them reduced to skeletons, moored for the last time at wharfs which once were scenes of bustle and activity, but which to-day are quiet and silent. It is with deep satisfaction, therefore, that one notes a new movement which has been initiated in Birmingham for the betterment of England's inland waterways. By a peculiar coincidence this movement synchronises with one which aims at the improvement of the Grand Canal of China. In the case of Eng. and the neglect of the canal system is, of course, in large measure due to the growth of railways; the present lamentable condition of the Grand Canal, however, is more a matter of a disregard of proper conservancy methods, the results of which are seen in the deterioration of the dykes and the silting up of the bed to such an extent that many sections are now so shallow that navigation is completely stopped during each dry season.

The movement in Birmingham, which has been set on foot by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, calls upon the Government to form a Central Waterways Board, which shall acquire and control the canal system of the country, beginning with those linking the Thames, Humber, Severn and Mersey, which are known as "The Crosses." At present these waterways are in different hands—many sections of them belong to the railway companies—and are of varying width and depth, with bridges of different height, and locks of different size. So until these and other canals are standardised no proper use can be made of the exceptional opportunities for inland water transport which the country possesses. Here it may be remarked that, while various Continental countries have developed their system of inland water-traffic of recent years *pari passu* with the development of their railways, we have been content to neglect our national advantages in this respect.

In these days when, as a consequence of strikes, the tendency is towards higher railway transit charges, a revived canal system could be made great use of for the distribution of non-perishable commodities. Indeed, with our great ports mostly situated on the estuaries of rivers which can easily be canalised, if they are not canalised already, and with our great manufacturing centres grown up inland in proximity to the coal fields, the cheap transit which canals afford would be a most important factor in industrial progress. The work of our fathers in constructing these great waterways deserves to be developed and continued, for, despite the coming of the iron horse, it is evident that canals can to-day discharge functions of usefulness as great as, or even greater than, they could twenty or thirty years ago.

## DAY BY DAY.

"IT IS ONE OF THE UNDISPUTED FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CRIME BEFORE IT HAS BEEN COMMITTED.—MIL."

## The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Left per s.s. *Chusan* at midnight on Saturday.

Australian Mail.—Left per s.s. *Empire* at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Australian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. *St. Albans* yesterday.

English Mail of October 25.—Delivered in London on November 21.

American and Canadian Mails.—Arrived per s.s. *Empress of Asia* this morning.

American and Canadian Mails.—Closed per s.s. *Persia* at 4 p.m. to-day.

Australian Mail.—Closes per s.s. *Nikko Maru* at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

## Exempted.

St. Joseph's College association has been exempted from registration under the Societies Ordinance.

## New Steam Launch.

A new steam launch for the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. built at the Metropolitan Dock, was launched on Saturday.

## Smoking Concert.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. J. A. Tarrant, a smoking concert was held on Saturday evening at the Phoenix Club.

## C.R.R. Passenger Agent.

Mr. W. T. Payne, chief passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway s.s. Co. is staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

## Stealing Tobacco.

For stealing two tins of tobacco, a Chinese was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment and four hours' stocks, at the Police Court, this morning.

## The Offending Stranger.

At the Police Court this morning, a Chinese who arrived by the Antelope was fined \$50 for being in unlawful possession of ammunition.

## Visitors Departed.

Among the passengers by the s.s. *Devanha* were Sir James and Lady Daldy Shaw who have been guests at Government House during the hereafter.

## Remanded.

A Chinese was alleged to have returned from banishment, and when he made an enforced call on Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, he was remanded until Saturday.

## New Chemist.

The name of Mr. Matthias Sinn Government Civil Hospital, has been added to the Register of Chemists and Druggists.

## No Escape.

A man who stole some rattan jumped into the Harbour when he saw he was about to be arrested. He was fished out, and at the Police Court, this morning, he was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and four stocks.

## New Doctor.

The name of Dr. K. O. H. Walther, Doctor of Medicine of the University of Berlin and German State Examination, has been added to the list of those entitled to practise medicine in the colony.

## New Regulations.

New regulations relating to the examinations of masters and mates in the mercantile marine have been made by the Officer Administering the Government-in-Council under Sub-section (8) of Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899. All regulations previously in force are cancelled.

## Appointments.

Mr. Alan Bustaco Wood has been appointed First Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Deputy Registrar of Marriages. Mr. R. E. Lindsell has been appointed to act as Second Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

**Interesting Debate.**  
In connection with the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society a debate will be held on "The protection of Coastwise Shipping." Mr. J. G. Reid will lead in the affirmative and Mr. F. E. Grieves in the negative.

## THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mr. Lowe on Auditors and Directors.

what was done in 1900 was a flaw, omission or clerical error, but was so done deliberately and after due and careful consideration, and the shareholders must abide by it.

On the 28th September, 1912, I addressed a letter to the Chairman and Directors on the subject and quoted them two aural cases in which the particular point had been considered.

My sole object was to assist the Directorate and to enable them to take the necessary steps to right themselves before the Accounts were next presented for audit. I had previously had occasion to differ with the views of the Directors as to their Balance Sheets, but this did not influence me to hold the information up until the last moment. They received this information from me five months before the next Balance Sheet had to be issued and in the Auditors' Report both old and new shareholders saw the point at one and the same time, and therefore if certain people are to be dubbed "speculators," in its meaning as gamblers, for buying, surely this applies equally to sellers.

To my letter I received no official acknowledgment. I did receive a private chit from one of the Directors, now absent from the Colony, asking for details of the cases to which I had referred the Board, and to this I replied giving what details I possessed and advising that the Company's lawyers should be asked to look into the Audit.

I deplore the necessity of defending myself in this manner, but I was away from the Colony when the meeting was called and I cannot permit Dr. Noble's remarks, which have appeared in the public press, to pass without challenge, as he has attacked me.

**Auditor's Views.**

An Auditor's duties, although seemingly not well known to some local directors, are fairly clearly defined by both text and case law. His "lot is not a happy one," and he should receive the moral support of the shareholding public in carrying out what frequently proves in this Colony to be a bitter and difficult task—the preaching of the gospel of exactness as far as possible, in regard to Balance Sheets.

My unfortunate experience has been that local directors are very apt to treat any proper criticism of the manner in which they carry out their office in relation to Accounts as a personal affront.

I do not mean to imply that any local director is capable of acting dishonestly, but every Board of Directors is liable, even when acting in the best interests of the Company, to perform an ultra vires act. Directors, usually chosen from among responsible and successful businessmen, cannot be expected to specially study "Directors' "duties and liabilities," as contained in various Ordinances and legal forms before taking up a seat on the Board of a Public Company, but I may remark that these duties and liabilities were fairly fully set out in a recent series of articles which appeared in the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

When, in the exercise of his proper duties, the Auditor points out that a course of action is ultra vires and if persisted in might result in the directors being personally liable for a large sum of money, one would think that the auditor, in addition to having performed his duties, would be entitled to more thanks than kicks.

This, however, has not always been my experience.

I have actually on occasions been told, or had conveyed to me (not in the actual case under discussion), that if I persisted in my desire to do the right thing (the words used were, of course, not quite these) I should lose part of my living. Perhaps I have lost some of the jam.

The actual facts of the present case are as follows:

On the 26th September, 1912, whilst considering the New Companies Ordinance, I came to the conclusion that the Directors of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, had no power by which they could pay dividends in proportion to the paid-up value of the shares. The law is that a Company can only do so if authorized by its Articles, and the Company's Articles were silent upon this point. As a matter of fact this authorization was included in the old Articles of 1883, when a prior new issue of shares was contemplated, but excluded from the new Articles passed in 1900. Mr. E. Osborne (Chairman) then said, "With the assistance of our lawyers, we have produced an almost new set complete so far as the combined intelligence of our lawyers and ourselves are able to make them, and all are of a practical and useful character," and he summarized the principal alterations, one of which (No. 7) was "Revision of clauses bearing upon the disposal of Profits." It does not, therefore, appear that

Dr. Noble had continued to read to the shareholders Mr. Wilkinson's letter, they would have heard these words:

"Nevertheless it seems to us in the present instance that it might be held that 'a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs' would not be exhibited in the balance sheet if no mention were made in it, under the heading of 'liabilities,' of the contingent liability of the Company to pay out of its reserve fund the balance of the amount which should have been paid to the holders of the new shares.....and, for this reason, we think that a contingent liability in this respect ought to be mentioned in the balance sheet."

I venture to think the shareholders will gather a very different impression on reading this further quotation from Mr. Wilkinson's letter, from the one left upon them by Dr. Noble. In fact the Auditors did act up to their legal advice.

Another point which Dr. Noble sought to make was that I had voted against my own resolution and used certain words of mine passed in ordinary conversation which seemed to corroborate his point of view.

It is possible that Dr. Noble does not even now understand the position?

The resolution is not mine, and as evidenced by my letter of September 27th above quoted, I have always thought that the easiest and the only really equitable way out of the difficulty was to call up the unpaid capital.

I heard afterwards that the Directors were very angry with me and considered that I was interfering with a matter which did not concern the Auditors. This point of view would be quite unintelligible to a practising Accountant at home, for Lord Justice Lindley in the *Kingsland Cotton Co.* (No. 2) 1896) 2 Ch. 284 (C.A.) said:—"Auditors are, in my opinion, bound to see what exceptional duties, if any, are cast upon them by the Article of the Company whose Accounts they are called upon to audit. Ignorance of the Articles and of exceptional duties imposed upon them, would not afford any legal justification for not observing them.

Mr. Jeffries and I were appointed Auditors to protect both the old and the new Shareholders, and our remuneration is paid jointly by both parties. All we have to do is to see these interests are in accordance with the law of the land as modified by the Company's Articles, and when one class was seen to be obtaining an advantage, innocently or otherwise, of the other we regarded it as our duty to point it out. We still hold to this opinion in spite of what Dr. Noble now says.

The next phase developed when

on February 5th, 1913, I saw the

announcement that "subject

to audit" the half-yearly dividend

on all new shares would

be paid as before.

On February 7th, I again addressed the Chairman and Directors, and stated that it would appear that the Board had got into the matter and found

they were acting correctly and

that I should be much obliged if

I may be allowed to inspect the

legal opinion "in order that I

may satisfy myself and co-Auditor

that the payment cut is correct

for the past half-year."

To this request, the Board

acceded on February 12th, with

a somewhat ill grace.

Mr. Jeffries and I read and did not agree with the opinion of the Company's legal advisers, and, to protect ourselves, we sought the advice of Mr. C. D. Wilkinson before signing the Balance Sheet of 31st December, 1912.

Our legal adviser, Mr. C. D.

Wilkinson, under date of Febr

uary 24th, sent me his opinion

supporting us in our contention

and a copy of this letter we

immediately sent to the Directors

with the signed Balance Sheet,

which was being pressed for as

the Directors had decided to hold

the meeting on the 8th March.

Dr. Noble, in his speech of the

27th ultimo, quoted a portion of

Mr. Wilkinson's letter to me and

then added these words of his

## THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

(Continued from page 1.)  
 In the June, 1905, report (when the Company owned the Bank \$160,000) there appeared the following:—"As there is urgent need of additional funds to repay the overdraft to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and to complete the payments for the new building on the reclamation, known as 'Hotel Mansions,' the directors desire, at an early date, to obtain the sanction of the shareholders to the issue of additional new capital which they hope can be floated at a high premium," and at the subsequent general meeting the Chairman said:—"The Bank has not called for repayment, but the Directors consider that in the interests of the Hotel Company it would be better that new capital from shareholders should take the place of large overdraft." The profits dropped after this, so it may be supposed that no new capital was forthcoming at a high premium, nor could the Directors sell the 6 per cent debentures which Mr. Maitland was asking so highly, for in March, 1906, the Chairman said:—"We will be happy to sell them. I may tell you they are in the Bank, which is advancing money on the strength of the debentures, but they would be glad to have the money. We're going to finish the new building with the money from these debentures, but at present we have not got it." There were then only \$210,000 worth sold, and at the time of the new share issue, June, 1909, only \$350,000 had been sold, and \$400,000 waiting sale, and it was not until the end of 1912 that these excellent debentures were fully disposed of, when it can be said that the spending of capital obtained from the new issue and the borrowing from the Bank chiefly on the strength of them and the un-called capital had so enhanced the value of the security on which the debentures are charged as to make them, as Mr. Maitland says, "As safe as Bank of England Stock."

As a matter of fact, the capital expenditure in view in 1909 to turn this Hotel into first-class condition was really \$518,800, viz.:—Property, £387,000; furniture and electric plant \$131,800, spent as follows:—1909, \$192,000; 1910, \$219,000; 1911, \$107,000—as shown by the balance sheets, which also show how it was met, viz.:—  
 By further mortgaging the property ... \$122,000  
 By owing increased amounts to the Bank and the creditors from \$283,000 to \$401,000 ... 118,000  
 By issuing further capital paid-up ... 20,000  
 By providing out-of-profit ... 74,500  
 \$514,500

It will thus be seen that the increase of the capital by \$40,000 in 1909 was required and was justified and, any form of official denial notwithstanding, it is nonsense to assume that the Bank did not look to the uncalled capital of \$200,000 as their best readily available security when they agreed to the gradual increase of the overdraft from \$204,000 to \$388,000, at 31st December, 1911, especially as their security in unissued debentures was gradually decreasing and did decrease by \$122,000 during this period.

Dr. Noble apparently tried to draw a red herring across the track in making so much of the debenture holders looking to this uncalled capital of \$200,000 as their chief security, because he practically withdrew attention from the small Bank balance of, I assume from his figures, \$50,416 last month. Why did he not explain that the reason for the reduced Bank balance was the sale of \$326,000 debentures since 1st January, 1909, and its reduction from \$138,000 last December by the profits of the present year less the dividend paid in March? I explained this particular reason for the reduction in the Bank overdraft to him on the 24th June last. Why was he not frank, or was his memory at fault?

It is true, as Dr. Noble points out, that there is not so much left for this credit of uncalled

## SPECIAL CABLES.

## "THE CHINA REPUBLICAN."

## EDITOR DEPORTED TO JAPAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai. Received Nov. 24.

Mr. Ma Soo, the editor of the *China Republican*, which was recently suppressed and ordered out of the French Concession, has been deported to Japan by the French authorities.

## CHINO-MONGOLIAN WAR.

## CHINESE DEFEATED WITH HEAVY LOSSES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai. Received Nov. 24.

The Mongols have defeated the Chinese with heavy losses to the north of Kalgan.  
 In the main action 600 Mongols routed 1,500 Chinese, and succeeded in capturing their rifles, ammunition and guns.

## THE SHANGHAI SHOOTING AFFAIR.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai. Received Nov. 24.

The ex-Army officer who was shot with a revolver in a Foochow Road alleyway on the 6th inst. is dead. The motive was a political one.

capital now, but there has been and the advantage gained has been absorbed by the old shareholders at the expense of the new during the last four years.

Now as to the intention of the Company in issuing new share capital. I have already pointed out that the Directors considered it in the best interests of the Company that they should not owe a large overdraft. Again in September, 1909, the Chairman said, referring to the rebuilding scheme:—"We must have money," and indicated the increase of the mortgage debenture issue from \$500,000 to \$750,000, and a new issue of capital. At the extraordinary meeting in February, 1909, the Chairman said:—"The time has now arrived when we find it necessary to call up fresh capital to meet the expenses of the new South Block—there will be an issue of 8,000 new shares of \$50 each—that is, at par; the first call of \$25 will be payable on 1st May next ranking for dividend from that date. The balance of the capital will probably be required about six months later. The estimated cost of the new block is \$339,000. The iron framework has arrived and is being erected, the date for the completion of this work is 27th May, while the whole building is due to be finished 15 months later, say, August next year." There were no further comments and the following resolution was proposed:

(1)—"That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000, by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the existing shares in the Company."  
 (2)—"That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as shareholders on the first day of May, 1909, in the proportion of two new shares for every three original shares held by them and upon the fixing that fifty per cent of the full amount of each new share taken shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interest of the Company."

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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

## EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1913, 4.30 P.M.

### HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

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ut, this contact with the shareholders. It does not matter or he says the bargain was with the old shareholders now. The bargain was with the then shareholders, a great number sold this in with such rights as the gave them. All the old new shareholders had a right to a 10.8 per cent. dividend from 1910 onwards as have turned out, and what has been the old received 12 per cent. Some therefore, of the shareholders have lost on the bargain, they are the new shareholders. It is so unfair, so wrong principle, or such unsoundness, that the sufferers should after three years ask for original bargain to be fulfilled yet waive compensation? Dr. Noble says, "The Directors exceedingly anxious that this situation should be passed."

Dr. Noble asks Mr. Grist if his clients will agree to the cancellation of \$200,000 of capital on the ground that it is not wanted. Why should Mr. Grist object to the Court being asked to do this so long as all shareholders are treated alike? That is not what Dr. Noble says he is willing to do, however. Perhaps the Court would say the capital of the Company, according to its Memorandum and Articles, is 20,000 shares of \$50 each. If you produce the consent of your creditors, there is no reason why you should not write down the capital by \$200,000 making it \$800,000 in 20,000 shares of \$40 each. How you are going to divide this \$200,000 is no concern of the Court as long as your shareholders agree, but the most equitable manner seems to be to pay off \$10 per share on 12,000 shares costing \$120,000, and unless you want to borrow the money to do this you will have to call up \$15 per share on the 8,000 shares now \$25 per share paid up, but whatever you do you cannot reduce the rights of any shareholder to less than an equal dividend per share unless you get the consent of that shareholder or shareholders. Clause 46 of the Company's Ordinance is quite clear on the point. Dr. Noble, however, it seems to me, thinks the people who hold one class of shares should alone agree to cancel part of their interest in the Company for the benefit of the other. It is all built down to this, that the old shareholders have sold part of their rights and now want to curtail those sold rights for their own benefit—in other words, they now want to possess the cake they have eaten. Most children do, but surely men ought not to expect it.

To call up the uncalled and unused profits each half-year to continue the 12 per cent. dividend on the full capital of \$1,000,000, as our clients have not yet paid this.

I, 112 at \$6 per annum ... \$6,672.00

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Anyway, there was no reason in 1912 why this could not have been the case, for last year's profit (per account) \$151,000, which could have totalled \$163,000 if the capital had been called up, were sufficient to provide a 12 per cent. dividend on \$1,000,000—\$120,000, also \$20,000 as more than a reasonable 10 per cent. depreciation on Furniture, etc., and leave a further \$23,000 for extra dividend or to provide far more than sufficient for any depreciation reserve necessary for the rebuilding of the hotel on a 75 year's life basis. What did the Directors do with the \$163,000 in 1912? They paid \$12,000 more in interest to outsiders instead of dividend, only \$30,000 in dividend to shareholders, and wrote off \$45,000.

Better results in 1913 and onwards can be used to increase the 12 per cent. dividend, then even the old shareholders, who recognise the morality of my reasoning but do not like it because it might have hit their pockets,

holder) cannot either pass an Ordinary or Special Resolution to stop such a sale—perhaps the other Directors object, or do the "old" shareholders?

Now can I see, for the same reason, how this terrible shareholder can force the Directors and other shareholders to set aside more than they desire for the purpose of paying off debentures or other purposes. Why does Dr. Noble create this bogey of reduced dividends?

Dr. Noble tells you this naughty shareholder, or shareholders, have threatened to buy up the shares to make themselves sufficiently powerful to carry out their wishes. Well, why shouldn't they? It is a matter of money and is done every day. Have not other Companies' shares been bought up with a similar object and are we not all willing to part at a price?

I ask Dr. Noble whether he has not played this game himself, i.e., bought up to gain his own legitimate ends, or held out for his own price. It is a perfectly legal and fair game if one can afford it.

Dr. Noble asks Mr. Grist if his clients will agree to the cancellation of \$200,000 of capital on the ground that it is not wanted. Why should Mr. Grist object to the Court being asked to do this so long as all shareholders are treated alike? That is not what Dr. Noble says he is willing to do, however. Perhaps the Court would say the capital of the Company, according to its Constitution, which it is admitted are the same, will to see why it is necessary for the Directors to be so anxious to break either, or in other words be a law unto themselves. I agree lots of us would, but do not gather we are anxious to taken for children, nor yet in dote.

Article 108 states Balance-sheets must be presented half-yearly made up to a date within months of the meeting, which was, in this Company's case, before the end of February and August in 1913. Dr. Noble says the June accounts have been ready for weeks past and kept back pending the passing of this resolution, and if the latter

not passed the accounts will be held back for a further period, perhaps indefinitely, instances the hardship on the "Home" shareholders. By what right have the Directors to act in this arbitrary manner? What not blame himself and his colleagues who are acting illegally in not reading the accounts? He has no right whatever to put the blame on the one or two determined shareholders. These latter are not stopping the account, or the dividend; it is childish to say this, for the Directors are the only persons capable of issuing the accounts, not any shareholder, and as regards the dividend the Directors can declare it or recommend any sum not inconsistent with the powers given them. Now the shareholders have put both feet down on previous, pre-arrangement of the Directors to either declare an interim dividend under Article 124 so long as they do not pay out more on one share than another, which is illegal. If available, is about to be paid on more than occasions to the new shareholders, viz., \$1.50 per share, then I am sure nobody can object, so long as the old shareholders get no more than \$1.50. Dr. Noble says he can carry any ordinary resolution—what more does he want? Isn't he trying to get more than he is entitled to for the old shareholders, and is he not the obstructing party?

Dr. Noble says he is willing to pay off the debentures to meet the views of the shareholders in question if he is allowed to sell the "Hotel Mansions," but complains he is not allowed. Article 105 (9) gives the Directors power to sell any of the property of the Company. Where is the difficulty? If, as he says, it is to of little use for Hotel purposes, I am with him on this point, and the shareholder objecting cannot stop him, because (the share-

holders) will have no cause to grumble. It does not matter one cent to a holder of shares in the proportion of 3 old shares and 2 new shares, for what he was underpaid on the "new" shares he was overpaid on the "old," but if he has sold his "new" shares then the buyer (whom the Company has accepted as a shareholder) naturally wants his proper dividend.

Mr. Maitland states that the Directors, as businessmen, do not consider it in the interests of the shareholders as a whole, or in the interests of the Company, to make the shares fully paid. Surely, most businessmen who have large liabilities and an overdraft at the Bank are not usually avers to a little more capital I think.

I feel sure that Mr. Maitland, in his anxiety to let the absent shareholders have this situation fully before them, will agree with me that the facts I have stated in this letter, and my deductions therefrom, will tend to carry out his laudable motives, and possibly influence the cancellation of proxies, kindly issued by the Company, for more late voter, if this letter reaches them in time.

We are all very much indebted to the Directors especially Messrs. Noble, Osborne and Potts, for their hard work in reorganising the Hotel and making substantial profits, and we trust the present Directors will continue to do so instead of wasting their time in monkeying with its Constitution, which they are paid to administer, not to vary.

In conclusion, I shall like to point out that in my opinion the only bright spot in both meetings as published is contained in the words at the very end that "The Chairman did not vote." I take off my hat to you, Mr. Scott Harton, Solicitor, but wish you had read up the past history of the Company or, if you have done so, had given it to the meetings with your deductions therefrom, so as to guide shareholders voting. Perhaps, however, you only hold old shares and do not consider you have either a legal or moral right to vote.

#### Addendum.

Since writing the above, I have obtained from the Company the list of present shareholders, and in view of Dr. Noble's statement, "Yet I too will profit by the success of the clients of Mr. Grist, for I hold 484 of the original partly paid issue." Yet I am opposed to the scheme, as it is wrong in principle and a bad business transaction," I must further point out that Dr. Noble did not merely hold the 3 to 2 proportion of old and new shares, which would be 726, off to 484 now. He is down in this list for 1,112 old and 484 new. Will he explain how he profits under these circumstances, bearing in mind the past, and his present scheme Dr. Noble draws in Dividends as follows:

I, 112 at \$6 per annum ... \$6,672.00

... per annum 1,452.00

Under Mr. Grist's scheme of calling up the Capital, Dr. Noble will have to pay in out of his own money (or borrow from the Bank at 6 per cent.) \$25 per share on 484 shares—\$12,100 at 6 per cent.—\$726 per annum. He will then draw in dividends 10.8 per cent. per annum, or \$5.40 per share, viz.: 1,506 Shares—\$8,018.40 minus \$726 payable in interest, net \$7,292.00, or a loss to him of \$231.60 per annum.

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Whatever the Directors' view may be of the rights or wrongs of the question, it appears their monetary interests are selected

in their holding, which are given to me as follows:

Dr. Noble 1,112 old, 484 new.

Mr. E. Maitland ...

180 old, 33 new.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar ...

50 old, Nil new.

Mr. J. Scott Harston ...

50 old, Nil new.

Mr. W. H. Potts (on leave) ...

70 old, Nil new.

I also hold 25 old.

Mr. Bowley, who is not a Director, but who spoke at the meeting in favour of the Resolution and would have us believe that in voting for the resolution he was doing so contrary to his own interests, is on the list as holding 85 old and only 33 new shares, so he, in common with every one of the Directors, gains by supporting the Directors' Resolution.

I think the Directors might have carried the somewhat unusual course of publishing the names of shareholders voting on each side a little further by adding the number of shares held of each class.

Anybody has a right by law to inspect the Company's Register of members, and according to the Articles the demand for a Poll can be withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,

A. R. LOWE,

Chartered Accountant.

#### SPORTING GOSSIP.

#### A DIGEST OF HAPPENINGS AT HOME.

Golf.

The Amateur Golf Championship has been arranged to be played on the Royal St. George's Club's links at Sandwich, on May 18 next and the following days. The present holder is Mr. H. H. Hilton, Royal Liverpool.

Cricket.

A meeting of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club Committee was held at Bristol on October 19 and adjourned for a fortnight, the chief topic discussed being the financial state of the county, which started the season with £200 in hand but now reports a deficit. It is proposed at the annual meeting, which will be held at Cheltenham for the first time, to make a new class of membership at one guinea, to admit any two members of one family. At present the single membership is 15s, and family tickets 30s.

The Church Cricket Club, members of the Lancashire League, have made a new departure with the object of developing the abilities of their young players by appointing a coach for next season in Harry Owen, who for the past three seasons has been coach and groundman at a public school in Wimborne, and he was previously professional to the Longsight Club. Sixteen years ago he was groundsman for Acerington (Lancashire League) Club, when the late Johnny Briggs was professional.

With the exception of Sidney Barnes, who is sailing by the intermediate boat, the Braemar Castle, the members of the C. O. team for County Cricket were to leave on October 18. They journey the ten o'clock special boat-train from Waterloo to Southampton, where later in the day they were to embark on the Union Castle liner Saxon. Prior to the sailing of the boat, the team, with some friends, were to be entertained on board by the Union Castle Company to an informal luncheon. The team consists of thirteen members, and as usual, will, in addition to other fixtures, take part in five Test Matches.

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## FAR EASTERN NAVAL SQUADRONS.

### HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.	Commander	Reported at
Alacrity	Despatch-boat	1,700	12	2,000	Comdr. A. Coohrane	Hongkong
Atkins	Admiralty tug	710	2	900	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. B. E. Pritchard	Yangtsze
Britomart	Gunboat	1,070	6	1,400	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Hongkong
Cadmus	British sloop	390	—	300	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Olio	Water tank and tug	1,070	6	1,400	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Fame	British sloop	360	6	5,700	Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Pengang
Flora	Torpedo-boat destroyer	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett, M.V.O.	Weihaiwei
Hampshire	2nd class cruiser	10,850	10	20,500	Capt. O. F. Corbett, M.V.O.	Weihaiwei
Kinshua	1st class cruiser	816	4	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Yangtsze
Merlin	River gunboat	1,040	—	—	Capt. F. C. Pasco	Labuan
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kidds	Weihaiwei
Monmouth	River gunboat	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Bartlelet	Weihaiwei
Mooreen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Capt. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederik A. Powlett	Yangtsze
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	2	240	Capt. H. Murray	Hongkong
Oster	River gunboat	385	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. R. W. Wilkinson	Weihaiwei
Ribble	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	West River
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Nash	Canton
Rosario	Depot-ship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	West River
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtsze
Snipe	River gunboat	350	6	8,000	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Taku	River gunboat	180	2	800	Com. R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G.	Yangtsze
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	6	8,000	Capt. Guy Stephford	Weihaiwei
Teal	River gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-C. H. R. N. O'Connell	Yangtsze
Thistle	Gunboat	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Weihaiwei
Usk	Torpedo-boat destroyer	355	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Weihaiwei
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Weihaiwei
Welland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	380	6	5,900	Lt.-Com. R. Neville	Weihaiwei
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	195	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. J. C. Borrett	Yangtsze
Widgeon	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtsze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500		



## THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

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Mr. Maitland seconded, and the motions were carried.

Dr. Noble says: "The Company did not sell 8/20ths of the shares to the new shareholders. Company sold new shares to shareholders, a very different matter." Will Dr. Noble state if there were any shareholders who failed to take up their option and there was a balance of shares to the Directors to dispose of the public or to old shareholders, in addition to their own ones, which is the same thing? Perhaps a broker not employed, so old shareholders offered any such additional shares \$25 instead of something like the market quotation in consequently losing the premium to the Company.

The new shares were issued at the portion of 2 new shares for 3 ones. It is evident there was no chance of obtaining any premium, as the old shares were paid 84 ex dividend in March the amount received of the new ones at par. They had paid from 80 before the new ones were offered and after the payment of a \$3 dividend, it was evidently no rush for new shares, for on 10th May quotations were 71 and 42 and sellers. It will be seen on the day of the announcement of the issue, February the shares were 70. Three were therefore available for (less \$9 dividend \$261), there was \$50 to pay for the 2 new shares allotted at March, together \$311. On 7th, after the call was made, these 3 old shares 2 new shares at 71 and 42 respectively would have fetched \$84, together \$207, or by taking up the new issue 14 on 3 old shares. Notice the difference in premium on a fully paid \$50 share \$17 on a partly paid \$25, practically the same, which states that from the first in the mind there was never any but that the shares would only fully paid and be treated ranking shortly for dividend or was it from 1st May they to rank fully as an inducement to take them up?) and in all events pari passu with the shares.

It is quite clear that the old holder said—"You can have 0 share for \$71 or a new share for \$42, which, when have paid the balance call of in 8 months' time, will then equally with mine and you then have a fully paid share giving you \$67." Look at these; they mean that it was able to buy "(if what Mr. Land supposes is true) a fully share in the same Company as they have done 84 per cent. per annum (or what they did legally have done 75 per cent. on the investment of \$71, partly paid share which has returned 7 1/4 per cent on and should have returned 8 cent. on \$67. What

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**SIR WILLIAM LEVER**

Interesting Visitor Tiffins at Government House.

Sir William Lever arrived in the colony to-day with Mr and Mrs Hulme Lever on the s.s. Empress of Asia. The party are staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

This morning Sir W. Lever and his party were entertained to tiffin at Government House, by H E, the Officer Administering the Government, and this evening they proceed to Canton.

Sir William Herketh Lever is Chairman of Lever Bros. Ltd., Port Sunlight, and of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. He was born at Bolton in 1851, was educated at Bolton Church Institute and entered his father's business in 1867.

He contested Wirral in 1900 in the Liberal interest and Birkenhead in 1892, 1894 and 1895 and represented Wirral (now represented by Mr. G. R. Wood, at the Police Court, this morning. When his Worship inspected the latest edition of a "literary magazine," he had no hesitation in taxing the ingenuity of the defendant to the extent of \$100.

**Wireless Regulations.**  
Regulations under the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance are published in the Gazette.

**New Year Mail.**

The Post Office had a busy day on Saturday. They cleared a homeward mail of 972 parcels to arrive at Home in time for the New Year and dealt with one from Europe of 1,022 parcels.

**Returned to the Colony.**  
Among the passengers on the s.s. Empress of Asia which came in this morning were Mr and Mrs F. M. Ithand, Sir C. P. Chater, the Hon. Mr. W. Clouston C.M.G., Dr J. W. Noble, Mr T. Forrest, Mr N. J. Stabb, Mr E. S. Gubbay and Mr Ho Fook.

**Mr. Sharp Recaps in Court.**  
Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., still suffering from the accident he sustained while on board boat, returning from Japan, appeared in the Fuzhou Judge's Court this morning to prosecute in the case of two Chinese charged with a felony and a misdemeanour in connection with the possession of a quantity of Kwangtung bank notes.

**Holidays.**

It is notified that the following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays in 1914:—Public Holiday: Empire Day—Monday May 25. General Holidays: Thursday January 1; Monday, January 20; Good Friday—April 10, Saturday, April 11; Easter Monday, April 13; Whit Monday; June 1; King's Birthday—Wednesday, June 3; Monday, August 3; Monday, October 12; Monday November 9; Christmas Day—Friday, December 25; Saturday, December 26.

**Wedding in Hongkong.**  
On Saturday Mr Robert Dillon Mansfield of the Chinese Customs, Shanghai, was married to Miss Ethel Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison of Taplow on Thames, at St. John's Cathedral. The Rev. V. H. Coppley Moylo officiated, with Mr Denman Fuller at the organ. The bride, who was given away by Mr A. Edwades, was attended by Miss and Master Sanderson as bride-maid and page. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, Mr and Mrs. Reader Harris being host and hostess.

**INGENIOUS SMUGGLING.**

Ammunition Inside Covers of a Book.

When the late Mr G. A. Henry wrote "The Dragon and the Raven" he had not the slightest idea that it would ever be an agent for the smuggling of ammunition into Hongkong. However, for such purpose it has been used. A Chinese who was anxious to get 157 rounds of ammunition into the Colony sowed some of the leaves tightly together and hewing out a well in the centre of the sown leaves, placed the ammunition into it in the hope that the revenue officers would not suspect the innocent looking story.

Revenue Officer Wong Kin was just one too shrewd and consequently the owner was brought before Mr J. R. Wood, at the Police Court, this morning. When his Worship inspected the latest edition of a "literary magazine," he had no hesitation in taxing the ingenuity of the defendant to the extent of \$100.

**Baggage Thief.**  
A baggage thief was sent to goal for six weeks, at the Police Court this morning.

**Failed to Pass.**  
Another Chinese who failed to pass the revenue officers with ammunition, was fined \$50, at the Police Court, this morning.

**Cutting Plants.**  
For unlawfully cutting plants on Government ground, a Chinese was fined \$10, or in default fourteen days, at the Police Court, this morning.

**Interesting Arrest.**  
A man who it is alleged escaped from the old Police Court, last year, has been arrested in Yau-mai. At the Police Court, this morning he was remanded.

**Send Your Photo.**  
The information editor of the Ladies' Home Journal received this letter from an ingenuous youth:

"Kindly tell me why a girl always closes her eyes when a fellow kisses her."

The editor replied:

"If you will send us your photograph we may be able to tell you the reason."

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A. BUNE

**POST OFFICE.**

The P. E. Friedrich with the mails from London (via Siberia) of Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th instant, is due to arrive here to-day at 1 p.m.

**MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.**

Nikko Maru, Japan  
Empress of Asia, Canada  
Takao, China  
S. Africa, Australia  
Ambar, Shanghai  
Kantou, Siam and Bangkok  
Parasians, Manila  
Laerte, Salom

**MAILS DUE.**

Siberian, P. E. Friedrich, 24th instant.

**MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.**

Tientsin—Per CHONGMING 24th inst., 5 p.m.

Japan via Nagasaki and Vladivostok—Per VORONEZ, 24th inst., 5 p.m.

**TO-MORROW.**

Holhong, Haiphong, Pakhoi & Saigon—Per CARL DIEDERICHSSEN 25th inst., 9 a.m.

Bangkok—Per DINGWALL, 25th Nov., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 25th Nov., 10 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per LOVAT, 25th inst., 11 a.m.

Straits—Per CITY OF BARODA, 25th Nov., 11 a.m.

Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 25th Nov., 11 a.m.

Philippines Islands, Australia  
Tasmania and New Zealand  
via Thursday Island—Per NIKKO MARU, 25th Nov., 11 a.m.

Straits, Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya & Cheribon—Per HOKUTO MARU, 25th inst., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Anping and Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 25th inst., 5 p.m.

Amoy—Per GLENNOGLE, 25th instant.

Saigon—Per DEVAWONGSE, 25th inst., 5 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 26th Nov.**

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples—Per P. E. FRIEDRICH, 26th instant, 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN 26th inst., 10 a.m.

Holhong, Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per SUNGXIAO, 26th inst., 11 a.m.

St. Albans, Br. ss. 4,190, Simpson, 23rd instant—Manila, 21st instant, Gen.—G. L. and Co.

Persius, Br. ss. 4,299, Robinson, 23rd instant—Singapore 18th instant, Gen.—B. and S.

Inramayu, Br. ss. 3,70, Wise, 23rd instant—Manila 19th instant, Cope—J. M. and Co.

St. Albans, Br. ss. 4,190, Simpson, 23rd instant—Manila, 21st instant, Gen.—G. L. and Co.

Kansu, Br. ss. 1,143, Tueben, 23rd instant, —Samabat 21st instant, Salt—B. and S.

Voronez, Rus. ss. 3,278, Oranovsky, 24th instant—Singapore 16th instant, Gen.—V. F.

Yodo Maru, Jap. ss. 1,350, K. Yototo, 24th instant—Hongkong 21st instant, Cope—M. S. K.

Empress of Asia, Br. ss. 16,928, S. Robinson, 24th instant—Vancouver 5th instant—Singapore 18th instant, Gen.—P. E. F. O.P.R.

Tientsin, Br. ss. 1,002, Heyeng, 24th instant—Bangkok 18th instant, Cope—B. and S.

Rajaburi, Ger. ss. 1,504, C. Wolff, 24th instant—Bangkok 2nd instant, Wood and Rice—B. and S.

Nikko Maru, Jap. ss. 3,449, R. Takeda, 24th instant—Nagasaki 20th instant, Vegetable, Cotton Yarn, M'ds.—N. Y. K.

Anhui, Br. ss. 1,343, J. Harris, 24th instant—Shanghai, Gen.—B. and S.

THURSDAY, 27th Nov.

America and Canadian Mails—Japan via Moji Victoria and Tacoma—Per TACOMA MARU 27th Nov., 11 a.m.

Holhong, Haiphong, Pakhoi & Saigon—Per HONGKONG, 27th inst., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per G. APCAR, 27th instant, noon.

Shanghai and North China—Per ANHUI, 27th Nov., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per HA NG SANG, 27th Nov., 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 28th Nov.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITING, 28th Nov., 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per CHONGMING, 28th instant, 11 a.m.

Philippines Islands, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Manila, United States and South America, via San Francisco—Per HONGKONG MARU 28th Nov., 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 29th November.

Philippines Islands, Yap, Manil, Fred, Wilhelmsfalen, Babu, Herberthobie, Matupi, Samar, Tasmania, New Zealand—Per PRINZ WALDEMAR, 29th Nov., 8 a.m.

Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 29th inst., 11 a.m.

Straits and Indian via Calcutta—Per KUTSANG 29th Nov., 11 a.m.

Philippines Islands—Per YUEN-SANG, 29th Nov., 1 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Yokohama—Per E. F. FERDINAND, 29th Nov., 3 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Tsin-tau, (Europe via Siberia)—Per YINGCHOW 29th inst., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 30th Nov.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 30th inst., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 2nd Dec.

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Jesselson, Kudat and Sandakan—Per BORNEO, 2nd Dec., 8 a.m.

Philippines Islands, Australia Tasmania and New Zealand via P. Darwin—Per TAYUAN, 2nd Dec., 9 a.m.

Saturday